



UKRAINE



INTRODUCTION

Ukraine was the center of the first eastern Slavic state, Kyivan Rus, which during the 10th and 11th centuries was the largest and most powerful state in Europe. Although Ukraine achieved independence in 1991 with the dissolution of the USSR, democracy and prosperity remained elusive. The legacy of state control stalled efforts at economic reform, privatization, and civil liberties.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Volodymyr ZELENSKYY

Head of Government

Prime Minister Denys SHMYHAL

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Kyiv

Legislature

unicameral Supreme Council or Verkhovna Rada (450 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 603,550 sq km

Land: 579,330 sq km

Water: 24,220 sq km

Climate

temperate continental; Mediterranean on the southern Crimean coast; precipitation higher in west and north, lesser in east and southeast; winters vary from cool along the Black Sea to cold farther inland; warm summers across the greater part of the country, hot in the south

Natural Resources

iron ore, coal, manganese, natural gas, oil, salt, sulfur, graphite, titanium, magnesium, kaolin, nickel, mercury, timber, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

lower middle-income non-EU Eastern European economy; major wheat producer; industrial and energy exporter; big fiscal reallocations toward defenses; seeking \$2 billion in monthly US wartime aid to combat Russia; mass war-related emigration and homelessness

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$516.7 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$12,400 (2020 est.)

Industries - coal, electric power, ferrous and nonferrous metals, machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food processing
Agricultural products - maize, wheat, potatoes, sunflower seeds, sugar beets, milk, barley, soybeans, rapeseed, tomatoes

Exports \$60.67 billion (2020 est.)

corn, sunflower seed oils, iron/iron products, wheat, insulated wiring, rapeseed (2019)

partners: Russia 9%, China 8%, Germany 6%, Poland 6%, Italy 5%, Turkey 5% (2019)

Imports \$62.46 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, coal, natural gas (2019)

partners: China 13%, Russia 12%, Germany 10%, Poland 9%, Belarus 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

43.5 million (2022 est.)

Population Growth

-0.5% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Ukrainian 77.8%, Russian 17.3%, other 4.9% (2001 est.)

Language

Ukrainian (official) 67.5%, Russian (regional language) 29.6%, other 2.9% (2001 est.)

Religion

Orthodox, Ukrainian Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish (2013 est.)

